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REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 10-15, 24, 27, and 28 are all of the claims presently pending in the application. Applicant has canceled claims 7-9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 1-6, 10-15, 24, and 27-28 are allowed. Applicant maintains that all of claims 1-15, 24, 27, and 29 are allowable. Merely in an effort to speed prosecution, however, Applicant has canceled claims 7-9 to place the Application in condition for immediate allowance.

Applicant is not conceding that claims 7-9 are not patentable, as Applicant is merely canceling these claims to expedite prosecution. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation patent applications.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submit that claims 1-6, 10-15, 24, 27, and 28, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, Applicant requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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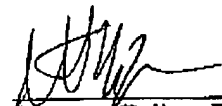
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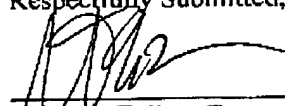
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